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Student in weekend accident

Phi Mu member suffers multiple injuries

By NICOLE FULLER
COPY EDITOR

A Northwest student was seriously injured in an accident that occurred Saturday morning.

At approximately 1:30 a.m. while driving on Missouri Highway 46, passing motorists discovered a burning vehicle.

"We saw a fire so we stopped," Northwest student Joel Otte said. "We heard someone yelling 'help me.' We went down and she was laying about 10 feet from the car."

Northwest Phi Mu member Jessica Koehn, 19, Omaha, Neb., was westbound on Highway 46, six miles west of Maryville when the 1989 Buick Century she was driving left the north side of the road and went up an embankment. It traveled through a fence, began to flip and flew across a creek, coming to rest on its wheels.

"The engine was ejected from the vehicle and I would say sitting 10 feet from the car burning, and she was laying about three feet from the engine," Otte said. "While he (Northwest student Heath Guedel) went for help I just sat there with her and tried to talk to her and keep her talking."

At approximately 12:45 a.m. friends contacted Campus Safety to report Koehn was missing, Clarence Green, director of Campus Safety said.

"Campus Safety couldn't find her on campus so we thought she might have gone mobile," Green said.

Green said Campus Safety then contacted Maryville Public Safety to make contact with Koehn and check on her well-being.

Koehn was first transported to St. Francis Hospital by Nodaway Ambulance. She was then taken by Lifeline Air Ambulance to Heartland Hospital in St. Joseph.

Sunday Koehn was transported to the University of Nebraska Medical Center where she underwent surgery after suffering multiple injuries. Koehn was in stable condition Wednesday.

"Jesse has made amazing strides in the last couple of days," Shannon Flinn, Phi Mu president said. "She is a very strong girl. We love her a lot and we are praying for her."

Koehn was not wearing her seat belt at the time of the accident. The Missouri Highway Patrol was assisted by Nodaway County Sheriff's department and Polk Township Fire department.



Photo by John Petrovic/Photography Editor

The demolished car of Northwest Phi Mu member Jessica Koehn, 19, Omaha, Neb., sits in the parking lot of Boyles Auto Tuesday afternoon after an accident Saturday morning. After being transported to Heartland East Hospital in St. Joseph, Koehn was taken to the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha on Sunday where she underwent surgery.



PHOTO BY AMY ROH/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Firefighters look for debris that flew from Jessica Koehn's car after it went airborne across the creek. Koehn was driving on Missouri Highway 46 when the vehicle she was driving left the north side of the road. Two passing motorists discovered the vehicle and went for help.

Online cookie orders will not be delivered

By KATIE WAHLERT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Girl Scout cookie orders are coming in but Jessica Anderson will not be delivering the 500 boxes she sold.

Anderson, who was restricted in January from selling cookies on a Web page she created with the help of her parents, will not be getting credit for any of the cookies she sold to friends, family and community members.

After the Girl Scouts of America shut her Web page down because of safety issues Jan. 15, one day after she posted it, Anderson turned back to the old fashion way of selling cookies—door-to-door.

Anderson, who will be moving out of town this month because of reasons other than issues related to Girl Scouts, must deliver the cookies in order to get the credit for selling them, as it is stated in the brochure given to parents, said Sharon Innis, director of membership and adult development.

In addition to not getting credit for the sales of her cookies, Anderson's troop leader, who is also her mother, Angela Olson, was asked to step down from her position.

Olson said the council asked her to step down because of "safety issues," and other matters that were to be discussed later. Olson still does not know what other reasons the council is using against her, and Innis declined to comment.

According to Innis, selling cookies is a program Girl Scouts uses to teach girls about safety, sales techniques, how to talk to people, figure money and set goals.

Innis said the credit Anderson earned through selling cookies will go into a fund which is used to help finance activities the Girl Scouts do throughout the year.

Olson, who was weary about turning in the orders for fear Anderson would not get credit, said the cookie orders have been turned over to the council for delivery. People who ordered cookies from Anderson's Web page will be able to pick them up from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Wesley Center.

"Girl Scouts isn't about the girls anymore in this council, from any angle that I've seen," Olson said. "The focus is not on the kids."

Former administrator suffers fatal heart attack



JOHN MEES
FORMER
NORTHWEST
ADMINISTRATOR

By MARK
HORNICKEL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A key element of Northwest's administration for nearly two decades died Tuesday morning.

John Mees, who served in various positions at Northwest from 1971-1988, died at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., while visiting family. He was taken to the hospital Feb. 7 after suffering a heart attack and had been in critical condition in the hospital's intensive care unit since

his arrival.

Mees, 59, was serving as vice president of planning and policy/executive assistant to the president at Central Missouri State University.

Prior to joining Central, Mees spent 17 years at Northwest and will be remembered fondly by the people he worked with.

"Perhaps the greatest thing about him was that I never heard him speak ill of anybody," said Bob Henry, who served on the president's cabinet with Mees. "He was a consummate professional."

Mees served as vice president of administrative and student services from 1977 until his resignation in August of 1988. He headed all aspects of student recruitment and admissions, counseling/testing, career services, health services, athletic and campus recreation

and physical plant operations. He also developed capital budgets and served as E.E.O/Affirmative Action Officer at the University.

"He worked well with people and with the students," Henry said. "There were some very difficult times and difficult budget years that he worked his best on."

In 1984-85, Mees supervised and reorganized the offices of Alumni Development, and during 1979-80, he was the University's chief fiscal affairs officer.

Mees was the acting provost and directed the academic and student services components of the University during 1976 and 1977. He also served as the assistant provost in 1974-76.

When he joined Northwest in 1971, Mees was assistant to the vice president for academic affairs and dean of voca-

tions and professions.

One of Mees' greatest assets was his ability to work well with other people, Henry said.

"He could get people to work together," Henry said. "He could take people from all types of positions and get them to work toward a common goal."

While at Northwest, Mees served under three presidents, including Robert Foster, who was president from 1964-1977.

"He will be best remembered by faculty, students and his peers as being a very clean-cut, trustworthy individual that loved his family and he was very conscience of his responsibilities," Foster said. "John always had a good time. He was the youngest on my staff and always had a very positive attitude and tried to get along with everybody."

Mees earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics, his master's degree in education at Southern Illinois University and his doctorate in secondary education-curriculum at Indiana University.

Aside from his responsibilities at Northwest, Mees was very active in the community. He participated in the Lions Club as program chairman and was an elder at First Christian Church, where he served as chairman of the board when the congregation renovated the church.

Mees also had a passion for athletics, music and art. He played four years of college basketball at Southern Illinois University and was a tennis fanatic.

Mees is survived by his wife, Joan, son Jonathan and daughters Jill Seabaugh and Jennifer Ware.

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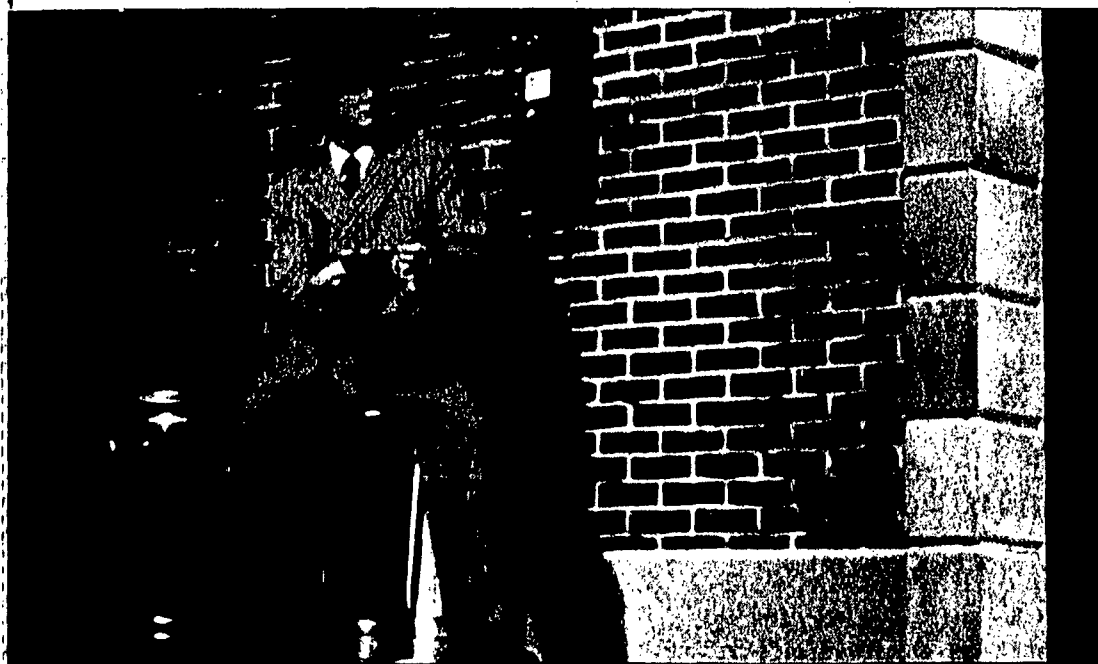


PHOTO BY MIKE WARNER/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Nathan Detroit, played by Ben Sumrall, watches a busy New York street during the musical "Guys and Dolls." The performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Mary Linn Performing Arts Theater. The production is set in the 1950s in New York, and tells the story of Detroit and a bet he made with another gambler to earn the love of a girl.

Gambling, love take Mary Linn stage in final student-produced musical

By MEGAN TADY
CHIEF REPORTER

"Guys and Dolls" will be singing and dancing their way across the stage of the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Thursday through Saturday.

Northwest students have been working with choreographers, dialect coaches and singing instructors in preparation for opening night.

The musical is set in the 1950s in New York, and revolves around a gambler named Nathan Detroit. Detroit bets another gambler, Sky Masterson, that Sky cannot make the next girl he meets fall in love with him, which is Sarah Brown, who works for the Salvation Army.

One of the reasons director Charles Schultz and vocal director Patricia Schultz chose this musical was because of its large cast show.

"It has wonderful music and won-

derful songs," Patricia said. "Everyone will go out humming."

A few new twists have been added to Northwest's rendition, although the musical is still "bright, beautiful and flashy."

"We have added different characters," Charles said. "We have a bag lady, which is a running gag in the show. We have added our own touches, such as showgirls and streetwalkers. We also changed a male character to a female."

Both Charles and Patricia think the cast deserves to have Mary Linn packed every night.

"They are all doing a really professional job," Patricia said. "We have a group of students that is so talented. They have responded so well to the teaching, the accents and the singing. There is not a weak link in the show."

The musical, which starts at 7:30 p.m., is \$12, \$10, and \$8 per ticket.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

■ **CLEP, GED, & MAT Tests**
 ■ **"Guys and Dolls"**
 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
 ■ **Intramural bowling**
 9 p.m., Bearcat Lanes
 ■ **Bearcat Sweetheart applications**
 available at Student Services desk

MONDAY

■ **Encounter with God's call**
 Conception Abbey
 ■ **Intramural 4-on-4 Indoor Edge flag football entries close**
 12 p.m.
 ■ **Intramural Table Tennis singles begin**
 Noon, Student Recreation Center
 ■ **Alcoholics Anonymous**
 6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church
 ■ **Al-A-Non**
 6 p.m., Maryville United Methodist Church
 ■ **Jazz invitational**
 6 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater

FRIDAY

■ **Last date to drop a trimester course**
 ■ **CLEP, GED, & MAT Tests**
 ■ **Bearcat Sweetheart open house and informational session**
 7 p.m., Colden Hall room 3850
 ■ **Chinese New Year celebration**
 7 p.m., Mandarin Restaurant
 ■ **Softball at Pittsburg State University Invitational**
 Pittsburg, Kan.
 ■ **"Guys and Dolls"**
 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
 ■ **Alpha Sigma Alpha state day**

TUESDAY

■ **Spring Career Day**
 ■ **Narcotics Anonymous**
 6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church
 ■ **Student Senate Meeting**
 7 p.m., Colden Hall, Room 3500

SATURDAY

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**
 9 a.m., Northwest door at St. Francis Hospital
 ■ **"Guys and Dolls"**
 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
 ■ **Softball at Pittsburg State University Invitational**
 Pittsburg, Kan.
 ■ **Alpha Sigma Alpha state day**
 ■ **Encounter with God's call**
 Conception Abbey

WEDNESDAY

■ **Ash Wednesday**
 ■ **Intramural 4 on 4 Indoor Edge flag football meeting**
 4 p.m.
 ■ **University Surplus Auction**
 9 a.m., Support Services Building Warehouse
 ■ **Alcoholics Anonymous**
 6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church
 ■ **Al-A-Non**
 6 p.m., Margaret Davidson Complex
 ■ **Spotlight meeting**
 8 p.m., Colden Hall, Room 3850
 ■ **Enterprise Rent-A-Car On-campus interviews**

SUNDAY

■ **Encounter with God's call**
 Conception Abbey
 ■ **Mardi Gras brunch**
 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., St. Gregory Parish Hall
 ■ **Sigma Society bridal show**
 2 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater
 ■ **"Into the Woods, Junior"**
 Auditions

THURSDAY

■ **Dr. Ernest Kramer, Faculty Recital**
 8 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater
 ■ **William Trowbridge poetry reading**
 8 p.m., Conference Center West

Twisting the day away



PHOTO BY SEAN CLARK/ MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Crystal Moore, Julie Gutschenritter, and Heather Moore help local kids play Twister Saturday afternoon at Kids Day Out in the University Conference Center. The event was sponsored by Greek week and besides the games, Northwest football players signed autographs for the kids as well.

Youth camp construction established on 10-year plan

By SARA SITZMAN
 MISSOURIAN REPORTER

New opportunities will be available for all youth in the community with the help of a new development that is taking place at a nearby lake.

A youth camp is being established at Lake Mozingo. The camp was part of a 10-year plan accompanying the sales tax.

Thanks to a \$6,000 grant from Westing House and TCI, construction of the new facility began last summer. A 40-car parking lot was built, along with a road. There is a 40-person shelter and 15 camping sites. Each site can accommodate three tents. Electricity to the camp was also installed.

David Middleton, who is helping with the efforts, said a completion date for the youth camp at Mozingo is indeterminate because of financial concerns. However, the youth camp may be completed in approximately 10 years.

"We need the backing of the community," Middleton said.

The planning committee work-

ing for the youth camp has filed for a grant to continue the camp's expansion. Cabins, a bathroom, trails and an amphitheater can be built next with the aid of more funding.

A summer camp program is included in plans, but with the amount of funding required, it will be one of the last areas completed. A mess hall and adequate housing for the youth would have to be built.

"This camp will give the youth in our community a place to go," Middleton said.

The camp will be available for rent by churches, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts throughout the community. Middleton also said it would be a way to bring people from other areas to the community, which will increase business in town.

The site of the camp will be located between Mozingo Lake and property owned by Northwest. Middleton said he hopes the connection of these properties will help to involve college students with the youth camp.

Sigma Society to revive tradition of wedding show

By MISSOURIAN STAFF

Students dressed as brides and grooms will be walking down the aisle at the Sigma Society Bridal Show at 2 p.m. March 5 in the Charles Johnson Theater. Doors will open to the public at noon. Tickets may be purchased at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building and are \$2 in advance or \$3 at the door.

"The women of Sigma Society are renewing an old tradition which dates back to 1974, al-

though there hasn't been a bridal show since 1995," said Ellie Christensen, a Sigma Society member. "We have 32 members now, and as a group we thought this was a project we could take on again."

Local businesses and merchants from Kansas City, St. Joseph and Des Moines, Iowa, will have booths at the bridal show, many of which are offering discounts and have donated items for door prizes. For more information, contact Andrea Miller at 541-0098.

NORTHWEST

Former professor will read published poetry

William Trowbridge, a local writer, will add a touch of Maryville familiarity to the Visiting Writers Series when he presents his work in a reading at 8 p.m. March 9 in the University Conference Center.

The reading comes in correlation with the publication of "Flickers," his most recent book of poetry.

Trowbridge, who is a distinguished University professor emeritus, has won various awards for his works. His poems have appeared in more than 20 anthologies, textbooks and periodicals.

Various Northwest students' poetry manuscripts will also be workshoped with Trowbridge's reading.

The reading is brought to Northwest courtesy of Scribblers, the Northwest Creative Writing Organization.

Scribblers encourages the advancement of creative writing and culture at Northwest.

University president declares "Destiny Day"

University President Dean Hubbard has declared March 8 "Make Your Own Destiny Day."

The Public Relations Student Society of America is sponsoring an entrepreneurial workshop at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in Colden Hall, Room 3500.

MARYVILLE

Retired teachers begin year after winter recess

Nodaway County Area Retired Teachers Association will begin a new year March 9, after a winter recess, prepared to focus for the coming year on "Millennium Medley." Marvin Marion will be starting his first term as president. Other members of the executive board are Lee Schneider, vice president; Marian Everhart, secretary; and Kay Whitney, treasurer.

Featured guest, Don Hagan, geography professor, will speak on "Geography and Medicine." President Marion has announced heads of local committees: Carolyn Henry; legislative, Helen Gorsuch; membership, Henry Hemenway and Schneider; parliamentary, Dorothy Weigand; and publicity, Norma Clark.

At 9 a.m., all sessions will take place at the Senior Center. All retired teachers, other retired school personnel and spouses are invited to attend.

REGIONAL

National Guard provides funds for college tuition

Students can earn college credit and money toward their education costs through the National Guard.

The National Guard provides networking opportunities and training in the career fields of communications, computers,

field artillery, medical, aviation, engineering, administrative, transportation, mechanics and military police.

Students are required to serve one weekend per month and two weeks per year, and if they enroll before March 31, \$5,000 or \$8,000 signing bonuses will be given.

There are a variety of educational benefits. The G.I. Bill gives \$255 per month directly to the student, federal tuition assistance will be 50 percent to 100 percent of tuition costs, the National Guard will pay up to \$10,000 in existing student loans and Northwest offers a \$700 scholarship for being in the National Guard.

For more information contact Staff Sgt. Jeremy Cobb at 582-5200 or visit the armory on campus.

State emergency week declared for March

The State Emergency Management Agency has designated March as Disaster Preparedness Month and the National Weather Service has declared the week of March 13-17 as Severe Weather Awareness Week for Missouri, according to David Ray, Nodaway County Director.

The statewide severe weather drill will be at 1:30 p.m. March 14. It will be canceled only if there is extremely bad weather statewide.

The Nodaway County Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service will again be holding a tornado spotter training class. The class will take place at 7 p.m., March 14 in the University Conference Center and will last approximately two hours.

GOT MILK? WE GOT COOKIES!

Girl Scout cookie orders placed on the website are available for pick-up from 3-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8 in the North Room of the Wesley Center. Also, tell all your friends that we've got extra for sale!

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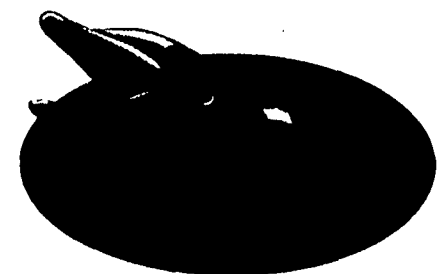


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MY VIEW

Experiences affect look on life



VALERIE MOSSMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

It has impacted my life in more ways than can be imagined. A common disease that has stricken many Americans, including some of my close friends and family.

It is cancer and it claimed the life of both my great-grandfather and grandfather. It claimed the eye of my great aunt and the wife of my cousin. And now it is taking the beautiful mane of a very dear friend, Brandi.

Brandi has always been a narcissistic person, taking hours upon hours to prepare just to go to school. She even went to the extreme of taking pre-natal vitamins during high school to make her nails grow.

Well no longer. She now wears a handkerchief when she is strong enough to go out. She has purchased a wig to wear, but it hurts her head. Sure there are worse things than physical appearance when stricken with this disease. But to Brandi, it is more than her appearance it is her pride and state of being.

These are the days that tell her what people truly see when they look at her and what they have always seen. The kind heart, the warming smile and a friendship I think I have taken for granted.

Brandi, who turned 21 last week, was diagnosed with cancer during Thanksgiving break. The cause has remained a mystery. The result however has been a com-

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plete shock to all, from those who have known her for years and those who only know her in passing.

Doctors say they are going to put her through six months of "hell" to give her 60 more years. Many times I have been led to believe that victims would survive, yet I was lied to.

The worst part of it all is she lives in my hometown, four hours away. Distance has been a difficult thing for me since moving to college, but in this case it is the worst.

I cannot be with her when she is ill, and even if I pick the wrong weekend to go home, she may be too sick to see me.

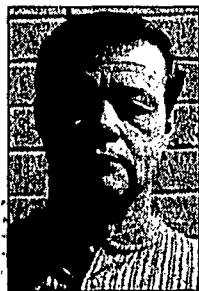
I know a lot of cancer survivors, but the number of victims seems to have a much larger impact on my memory. The victims played a larger role in my life by providing tearful memories of time I spent with them, especially my papa. I do not want to lose her. She says she will pull through, and that is comforting, but I remember when my papa said the same thing.

I have always lived by the saying if you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain. Well God, be gentle and maybe turn her thunderstorms into light showers because she is a keeper, so let me keep her.

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YOUR VIEW

What do you think about the city's control on underage drinking?



"I think it is out of control in the bars."
Eldon Provolt
Maryville Resident



"I think it is out of control and the bars are full of underage people drinking. The bars try to control it but sometimes they just let anyone in."
Dan Ferguson
Maryville Resident



"Something needs to be done because I see a lot of underage drinking in the bars."
Ryan Coutts
Maryville Resident



"They seem to have some control with all the bars getting busted all the time."
Joy Jones
Clearmont Resident



"Considering it is a college town I don't think that they do a lot about it."
Holly Stevens
Elementary Education Major

OUR VIEW

A minor dilemma

City, police become more aggressive in an attempt to lower the amounts of underage drinking

Living in Maryville and being a minor can be tough for many students. With temptations like parties and bars, there is bound to be an underage drinking problem. There has already been one fatality of a minor this year due to alcohol. What will it take to get the point across?

Maryville public safety officers and City Council have been cracking down on the situation for a while. Recently the number of minors in possession and under the legal age in bars has increased. In 1998, there were 122 citations issued for minor in possession issued. It rose to 131 in 1999. Is there any one cause for this? There have always been minors who cannot wait until 21 to drink. According to Maryville Public Safety, the change is in the aggression of officers and their perseverance to catch any and all law breakers. Also there is now a liquor inspector that resides in Maryville. This has also helped control the problem.

Being able to enter a bar at the age of 19 is a privilege. Most towns still require customers to be at least 21. Some liquor establishments in Maryville have considered raising the age because of this increasing problem. The City Council has made it the bars' responsibility to regulate who drinks legally or not. Would it be worth losing the privilege all together because a few minors cannot get the point that it is illegal to drink under the age of 21.

Many complain about the lack of entertainment available in Maryville. Going to bars is the relief. That is fine, but if you're not 21, do not drink. Dance, socialize, have fun without alcohol. It would save some money and trouble. It sounds boring to those used to socializing under the influence, but with the rate MIP's are being issued, it may be wise to reconsider taking a drink.

The bars must keep control or they will end up paying fines. Many people know those over 21 who will buy alcohol for them. That is convenient, but for the suppliers, watch how much you supply and to whom. Being caught supplying alcohol to minors is a very hard fine. Think if it is worth your money and reputation before you take any action.

The reality is there will always be those who will not follow the rules and ruin the fun for everyone. But for now, they know the risk of picking up the cup. It has been plastered on everyone's foreheads. Whether people party or not, they know not to be caught with alcohol in their hand. With this so evident, why are there still so many being caught?

While Public Safety believes that Maryville has a better grasp on underage drinking than many other college towns, they are pushing harder than ever to slow the problem.

It is a simple concept; if minors do not want to pay a large fine, have to attend alcohol classes and embarrass themselves, then chill with the drinking. That surely could not hurt anything. Or while in a bar, if there is a possibility of police being present, put the cup down. If neither of these work, quit complaining about getting in trouble for breaking the law. The law will never adjust to the majority rule. Minors are going to have to adjust their drinking habits for the law.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Public Safety expresses appreciation

Deareditor,

I would like to use this forum to publicly express my gratitude and congratulations to Fred Lamer's Advanced Television Production class at Northwest.

We recently partnered with this class to produce a pilot program about Maryville Public Safety Department in an attempt to convey a better understanding to the public as to who Public Safety is and why we do what we do.

After viewing the production on channel 8, KNWT, I have to say this class put together an excellent product they can be very proud of. The content and quality exceeded my expectations and matched the quality of a professional production.

The class had only about two weeks to gather their material and put it into final product. It was very enjoyable to watch the students work on and create this project and to have the interaction with them during the process.

Much of our job in "Public Safety" work is about relationships. By the very nature of enforcing laws, those relationships can often develop negativity. We are continuously attempting to find ways to develop and nurture positive relationships with the public that we serve. I feel the work done by this class is another step toward developing a better understanding of what this department is about and illustrates how we take our service to the public very serious. A pleasant aspect, aside from the work itself, has been the new friendships made with members of this class.

Mr. Lamer and students, you did a great job. We enjoyed working with you on this project and welcome the opportunity to work with you again in the future.

R. KEITH WOOD
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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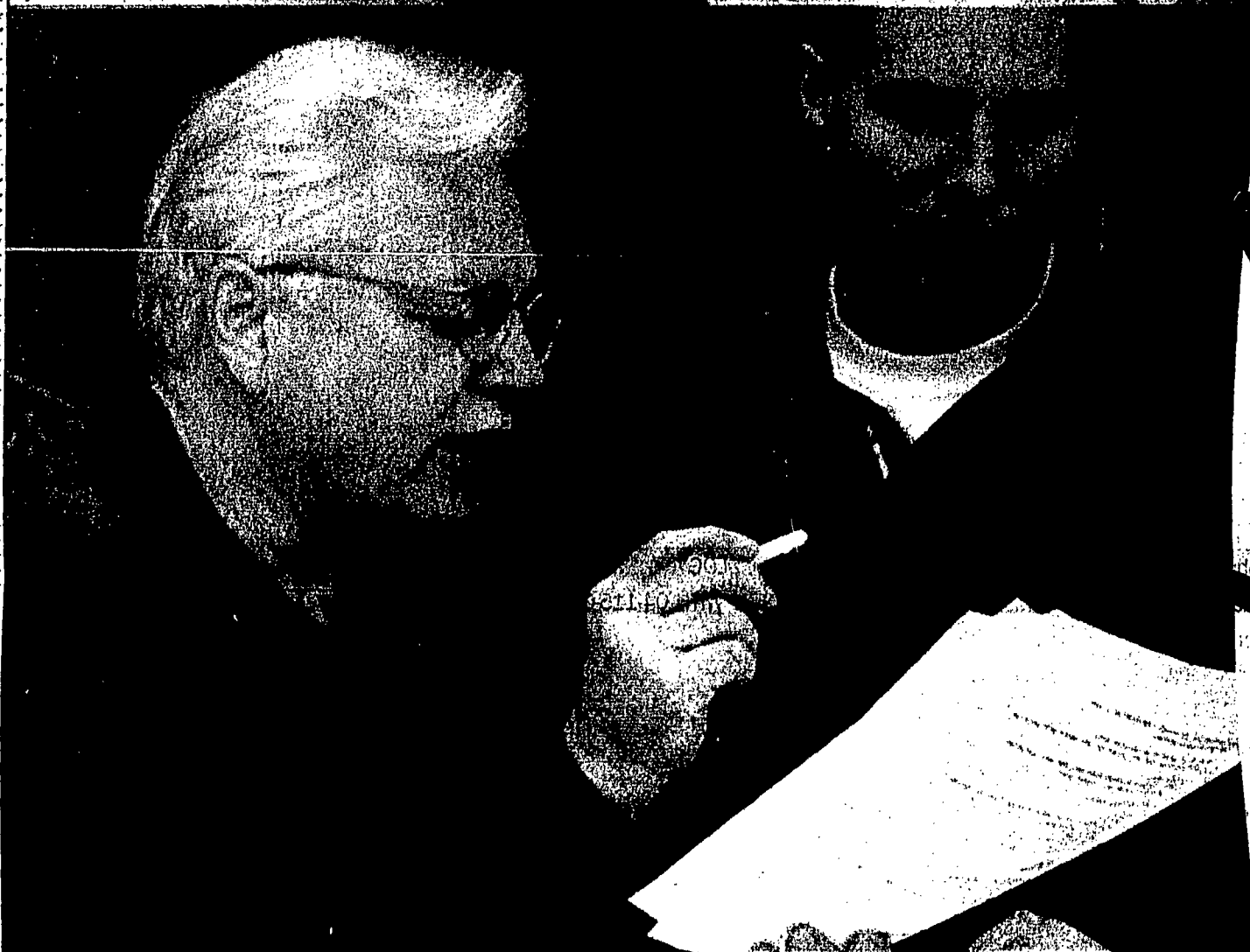
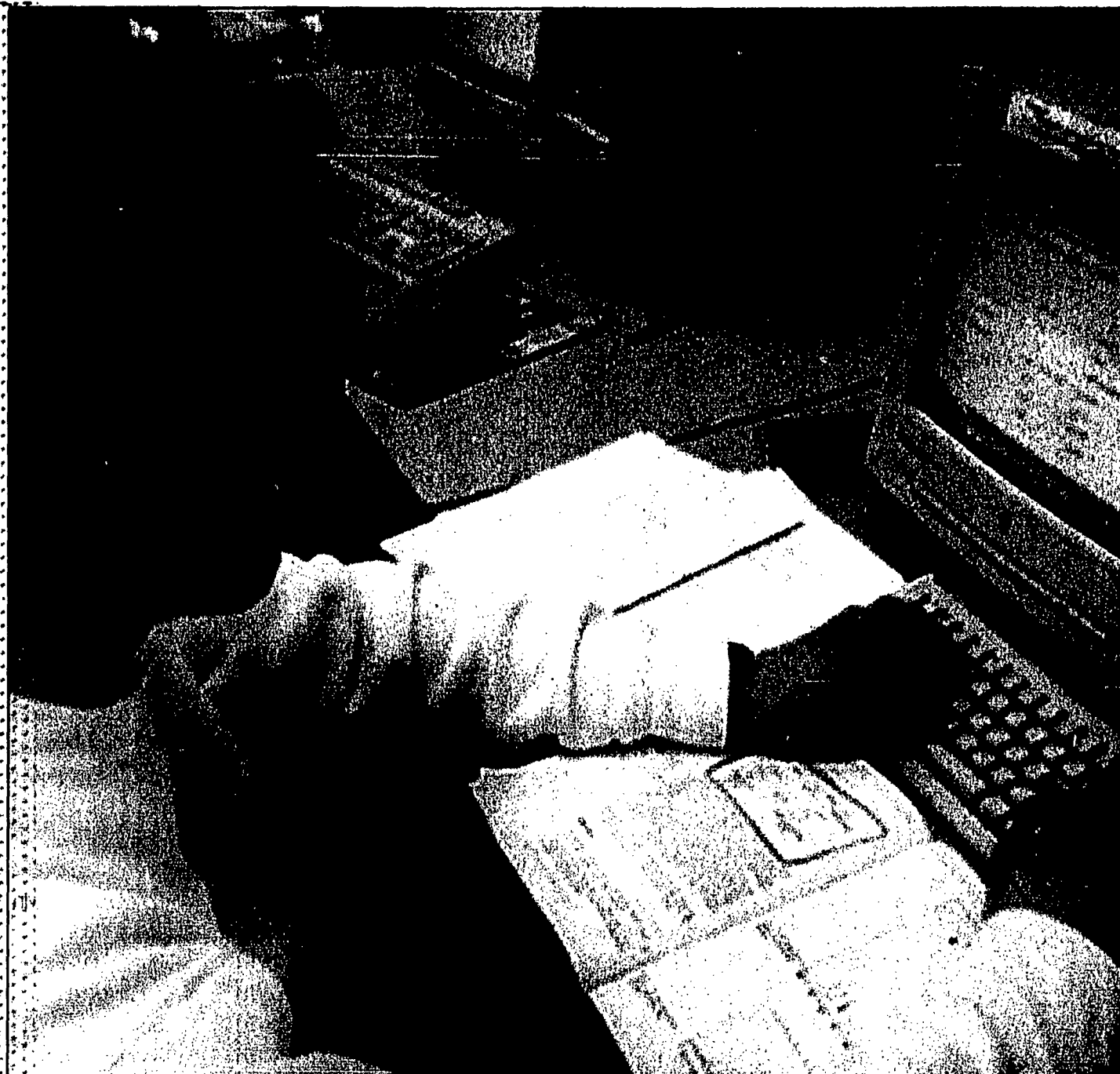
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NORTHWEST





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Financial Aid Specialist Christy Chesnut works on financial aid applications Monday afternoon. The Advantage Missouri Program is designed to encourage eligible students to pursue training and education and become employed in high demand occupational areas in Missouri.

Program available for students in need of aid

By DEBBIE BACON
NEWS EDITOR

"Missouri residents eligible for financial assistance in the form of loans can apply for the Advantage Missouri Program, which is in its second year of operation.

The program was designed to encourage eligible students attending approved Missouri postsecondary institutions to pursue training and education and become employed in high demand occupational areas in Missouri.

Del Morley, director of financial assistance, said letters are being sent to students with occupational clusters of computer technology, advanced manufacturing or biomedical/biotechnology.

The Advantage Missouri loans are only available to students enrolled in those programs.

In order to qualify, students must have completed the Free Application for Federal Aid before April 1, 2000 and exhibit financial need.

Recipients of the Missouri Advantage Program must obtain employment in Missouri after graduation. One year of loans will be forgiven for each year of employment in a designated high-demand occupation. If the borrower fails to fulfill this obligation, he or she must repay the loan funds with interest.

"We ended up with about 35 to 40 people receiving funding. Compared to other universities this was very good."

DEL MORLEY

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

demuc year of their program of instruction and nonrenewal applicants in the third or subsequent academic year of their program instruction.

Morley said the response last year was good considering it was the first year.

"We ended up with about 35 to 40 people receiving funding," Morley said. "Compared to other universities this was very good."

Academy preparations continue

By JOSH FLAHARTY
MANAGING EDITOR

The Missouri Academy for Science, Mathematics and Computing is progressing with plans for the August 2000 opening.

In preparation for the opening, a community meeting took place Feb. 24 at the Maryville School District Administration Building.

Approximately 40 Maryville residents, business people and Maryville High School students took part in discussions on a variety of topics dealing with how academy students and the community can benefit from each other.

"I was really impressed that there were that many people who were interested and came to begin with, but they also signed up for further focus groups over the long haul," said Deb Guffy, assistant dean for student development for the academy.

Russ Pinizzotto, dean of the academy, attended community meetings in Warrensburg and Columbia to discuss the academy with interested students and parents and to answer their questions. He is scheduled to attend a meeting in Springfield Wednesday.

With preparations for the coming students occurring, work on the academy's permanent home began this week. Workers began demolition of the area in Cooper Hall which was formerly occupied by the bookstore.

Becky Troyer, executive secretary for the academy, said two applications for admittance have already been received, well ahead of the April 3 deadline.

She said another mass mailing will be done to all Missouri high schools on March 15 to let them know there is still time for students to apply.

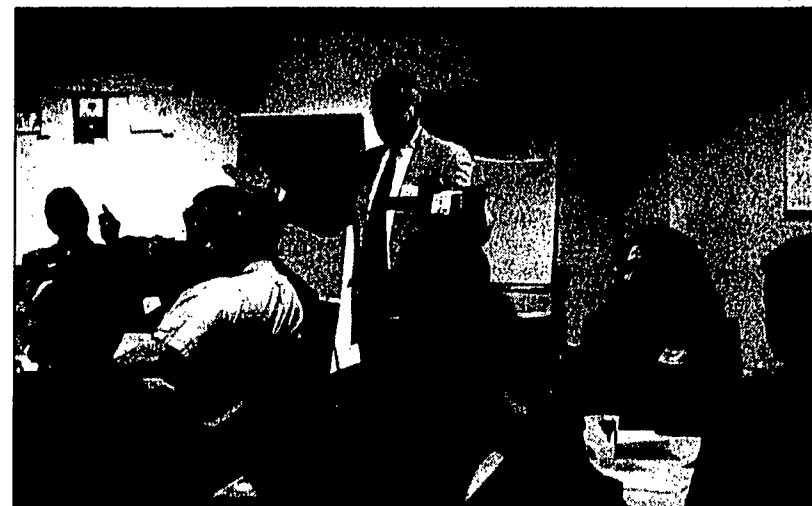


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At a forum for the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing, Bob Bush, director of healthy communities, talks about the benefit the prospective students will have on the Maryville community. High school students, faculty and community members attended the forum.

Faculty attend conference, improve crisis management

By DEBBIE BACON
NEWS EDITOR

In an effort to gain new ideas for disaster and crisis management, four Northwest faculty and staff members attended a conference Feb. 26.

The conference, Campus Crisis Management and Emergency Operations, was sponsored by the Missouri College Personnel Association. It was held at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield.

Kent Porterfield, vice president of student affairs, said Northwest's current disaster plan was developed by Director of Campus Safety Clarence Green with the help of his co-workers.

He said the conference was complimentary to Northwest's current disaster and crisis plan.

Porterfield said a disaster can be defined as anything from a civil disorder such as bomb threats or a hostage situation, to an issue which is just brewing.

"There are examples all around

us if we look around," Porterfield said. "We'd be crazy to think these things don't happen on our campus. These things happen in all shapes, sizes and forms."

Green, Carol Cowles, assistant vice president of student affairs, Mitzi Lutz, communications director and Elizabeth Wood, director of the counseling center, all attended the conference.

Porterfield said Northwest's disaster plan emphasizes ways to combine all of the efforts from the different groups represented.

"It's almost hard to think of anyone who wouldn't be affected in the event of a crisis," Porterfield said. "I've always thought of Northwest as a very proactive institution."

Green said he not only gained tips from the conference, but also gave tips to other institutions, while coming across things which should be taken out of Northwest's current plan of action.

Overall, Green said he plans to broaden the policy, which is updated every year.

Playing with Grandpa



Shalori Bond, 6, laughs as she gets off the bottom of a slide at Beal Park as her grandfather, Raymond Chastain, playfully hops onto the top of the slide to try to catch her Wednesday afternoon. The sunny weather attracted many people to local parks to enjoy the spring-like temperatures.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb. 21

A Maryville officer observed an open door at a business in the 400 block of North Buchanan Street. After making contact, it appeared the door had been kicked in. The cause was unknown.

Feb. 22

While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed at the intersection of Walnut and Prather streets. The driver was identified as Jared R. Riddle, 19, Clarinda, Iowa. He was issued a summons for exceeding the posted speed limit.

Maryville officers responded to the 500 block of South Laura Street in reference to a domestic dispute. After making contact officers issued a summons to John R. Olson, 26, Maryville, for assault.

A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female that she had been harassed by a male individual, and that her car had been keyed in the 900 block of North Walnut Street.

A Maryville officer received a report of a barking dog in the 700 block of East Thompson Street. Contact was made with the owner, and Randy L. Pivara, 40, Maryville, was issued a summons for barking dog.

Maryville officers assisted St. Francis Behavioral Medicine Unit with a transport of a distraught patient.

A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female of a film canister being stolen at a business in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

A Maryville officer was assisting Liquor Control at a business in the 300 block of North Market Street, when he observed a female slam another female against the door and push her around. The female, identified as Elizabeth J. Quillin, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for disorderly conduct.

A Maryville officer was assisting Liquor Control at a business in the 300 block of North Market Street, when Liquor Control observed a male individual serve alcohol to a minor. The male, identified as William D. Page, 23, Maryville, was issued a summons for supplying alcohol to a minor.

Feb. 23

Brad A. Sobotka, 17, Ravenwood, was traveling westbound in the 1200 block of East First Street when he failed to notice a vehicle parked on the side of the road. Sobotka struck the vehicle in the left rear. No injuries occurred, but Sobotka was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving by striking a parked vehicle.

Feb. 24

A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female that her vehicle

had been damaged while parked at her residence in the 1100 block of North College Drive.

A Maryville male reported that someone had damaged the storm door at his apartment house in the 400 block of West Third Street.

Feb. 25

While on patrol in the 600 block of North Market Street, an officer observed a vehicle with an expired temporary tag. The driver was identified as Jeffrey S. Lyle, 28, Amazonia. While talking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests that he could not successfully complete and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation improper registration.

A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had stolen some money out of her purse at a business in the 200 block of West Fourth Street.

While on patrol in the 500 block of North Buchanan Street, a Maryville officer observed a vehicle traveling with only its parking lights on. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Michael A. Davis, 20, Maryville. While talking to him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle after dark without headlights.

While on patrol in the 200 block of West Fourth Street, a Maryville officer observed a vehicle fail to drive on the right half of the roadway. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Andrew J. Donovan, 21, Shawnee, Kan. While talking to him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Bonnie J. Dougan, 73, Ravenwood was attempting to enter the northbound lane of traffic from a curbside parking space. Vernon H. Olsen, 73, Maryville was northbound on Main Street when Dougan entered traffic striking him. No apparent injuries occurred and no citations were issued.

A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville male that his vehicle window had been broken. The case was referred to the Juvenile office.

A Maryville officer assisted Liquor Control at an establishment in the 300 block of North Main. Upon arrival summons were issued to Stacey K. Adams, 17, St. Joseph, under 19 in a bar; Stefanie K. Adams, 19, assisting a person under 19 in a bar; Abbie L. Findley, 17, St. Joseph, under 19 in a bar and Jer-

emy M. Cameron, 18, Maryville, under 19 in a bar and using another identification.

Feb. 26

Officers received a report of a fight in progress in the 400 block of West Third Street. After making contact with the individuals, Rico L. Dunn, 22, Maryville, was issued a summons for third degree assault.

A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville male that he had some fishing poles stolen from his residence in the 200 block of North Davis Street.

A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female that her car window had been broken while parked at her residence in the 300 block of East Third Street.

A Maryville officer received a report from a Ravenwood male that his car window had been broken out while parked in the 100 block of East Third Street. Bryce A. Nielson, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for property damage.

A Maryville officer responded to an unattended death in the 500 block of South Walnut Street.

While on patrol in the 1200 block of South Main Street, a Maryville officer observed a vehicle with no tail light. The driver of the vehicle was identified as David A. Leivan, 31, Maryville. While talking to him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for open container of alcohol in a vehicle and defective equipment.

Rural fire units responded to a one vehicle accident fire on Highway 46. The fire was extinguished and the driver was transported to St. Francis Hospital.

Feb. 27

While on patrol in the 200 block of East Fourth Street, a Maryville officer observed a vehicle illegally back from a parking space in the 100 block of East Fourth Street. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Christian M. Kincheloe, 20, Maryville. While talking to him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete and was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content level tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for illegal moving from a parking space.

Maryville officers received a report of a medical emergency in the 1500 block of North Main Street. Upon arrival, it was determined that the suspect had left in a vehicle. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Bradley L. Heerein, 19, Maryville. While talking with him an odor of intoxicants was de-

tected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit.

Polk Township Fire units responded to a controlled burn in the 26000 block of Katydid Road that had gotten out of control. The fire was brought under control with no property damage to the residence.

A Maryville officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had broken into her house in the 1000 block of North Buchanan Street.

SHERIFF

Feb. 18

A Hopkins subject reported property damage to his residence.

A Pickering subject reported property damage to her vehicle.

Feb. 20

A Maryville subject reported property damage at their residence.

Douglas M. Degase, 17, Maryville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and minor in possession of intoxicants. He was released on summons after being held the mandatory eight hours.

Feb. 21

A Ravenwood subject reported property damage to her vehicle.

A Parnell subject reported a burglary to a farm building.

A Clearmont subject reported lost or stolen license plates.

Feb. 22

Max E. Goacher, 37, Guilford, was arrested on a probation and parole warrant.

Feb. 23

A Wilcox subject reported a burglary to his residence.

A Maryville subject reported property damage to her vehicle.

Feb. 27

A Hopkins subject reported a vehicle stolen from his residence.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Feb. 23

A vehicle was towed from the parking lot behind the Administration Building for excessive parking citations.

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A vehicle was towed from the parking lot across from Mary Linn Perform-

ing Arts Center for excessive parking citations.

A vehicle was towed from the parking lot west of the Fine Arts Building for excessive parking citations.

Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in Brown Hall. A construction crew working in the building had caused the alarm.

Campus Safety investigated an accident behind Roberta Hall. A citation was issued for failure to yield right-way.

Campus Safety towed a vehicle from Memorial Drive, in front of North Complex, for excessive parking citations.

Feb. 24

Campus Safety received a report of property damage. Mrs. Harbin reported damage to her vehicle door while it was parked in lot 15.

Campus Safety observed a vehicle exceeding the posted speed limit on Northwest Drive. The vehicle was stopped and the driver submitted to several field sobriety tests. The driver was placed under arrest for driving while impaired. A breath sample of .097 was submitted and the driver was placed in Nodaway County jail for the mandatory eight hours.

Feb. 25

Campus Safety responded to Cooper Hall in reference to a fire alarm. The alarm was unfounded.

BIRTHS

Zachary Charles Nielson

Brian and Julie Nielson, Ravenwood, are the parents of Zachary Charles Nielson, born Feb. 19, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed six pounds and and is the first to be born. His grandparents are Chuck and Pat Redden, Ravenwood and Kenny and Christine Nielson, Maryville.

Cordell Reger Willard Patrick

Rachel and Cory Patrick, Maryville, are the parents of Cordell Reger Willard Patrick, born Feb. 21, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed seven pounds, three ounces and joins two siblings, Codi and Lea.

His grandparents are Bill and Gail Gaffney, Chandler, Ariz.; Ron and Ruth Ruba, Remsen, Iowa and Lynn Shirley Patrick, Earlville, Iowa.

Derek Kuo

Chien Kuo and Peiling Hsieh, Maryville, are the parents of Derek Kuo, born Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed six pounds, one ounce and is the parents' first child.

His grandparents are Kubo Chao, Tokyo, Japan and Tien-Lai Kuo, Taipei, Taiwan.

OBITUARIES

Eldon LaVerne Inman

Eldon LaVerne Inman, 72, Parnell, died Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Maryville Health Care in Maryville.

He was born April 21, 1927, to John and Viola in Skidmore.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Inman; three daughters, Susan Maxwell, Linda Coffelt, and Nancy Lynch; two sons, Eldon and Randy; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday, Feb. 25, at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Parnell.

Ila Dee Gray

Ila Dee Gray, 60, Maryville, died Thursday, Feb. 24, at Research Medical Center in Kansas City.

She was born March 13, 1939, to Chester and Esther Gordon in Graham.

She is survived by her mother Ruth Gordon; one son, Paul; one brother, Donald Gordon; and one sister, Betty Law.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 26, at First United Methodist Church in Maryville. Burial was at Prairie Home Cemetery in Graham.

Kay Romaine Barnett

Kay Romaine Barnett, 61, Clearmont, died Sunday, Feb. 27, at her home.

She was born March 28, 1938, to Lowell and Gladys Coyle in Savannah.

She is survived by her husband Donald; two sons, Darrell and Clayton; four daughters, Rende Kindle, Nancy Dalton, Amy Cherkas, and Kelli Malone; one sister, Donna Whittingslow and one brother, David Coyle.

Services were Wednesday, March 1, at Clearmont Baptist Church in Clearmont. Burial was at Clearmont Cemetery.

Jerry Lee Summers

Jerry Lee Summers, 60, Maryville, died Sunday, Feb. 27, at his home.

He was born July 7, 1939, to Darrell and Velma Summers in Storm Lake, Iowa.

He is survived by his mother, Velma; his wife, Linda; two sons, Kirby and Jerry and four daughters, Julie, Ramona Tassin, Connie Corney, and Kristy Graber.

Services were Thursday, March 2, at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens in Maryville.

Mabel Gaines Hart

Mabel Gaines Hart, 91, Maryville, died Sunday, Feb. 27, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Aug. 29, 1908, to Cornelius and D. Blanche Hart in Maryville.

She is survived by one daughter, Barbara Miller.

Services were Thursday, March 2, at First Christian Church in Maryville. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

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Northwest Week is scheduled for April 2 through April 7. If your organization would like to host an event, please contact Stacy Cummings at 562-1218.

Blood Drive

The campus-wide blood drive is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 13-14 in the Lamkin foyer. If you would like to donate or volunteer, sign up tables will be set up in the Union February 28 through March 3, or call the Student Senate Office at 562-1218.

Legislative Reception

Anyone interested in lobbying in Jefferson City for the University, please call Dan Ayala at 562-1218. You must be available for a training session on March 14. The legislative reception is scheduled for March 29.

Organizational Newsletter

Organizational newsletter forms are due this week to the Student Senate Office. This will be a great way to publicize any upcoming events or activities for your organization.

Senator of the Week

Congratulations to Jeremy Davis for being elected Senator of the Week! We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication. Keep up the great job!

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'Cats advance in MIAA Tournament

Men defeat Truman State, will challenge Washburn in second round of conference tournament

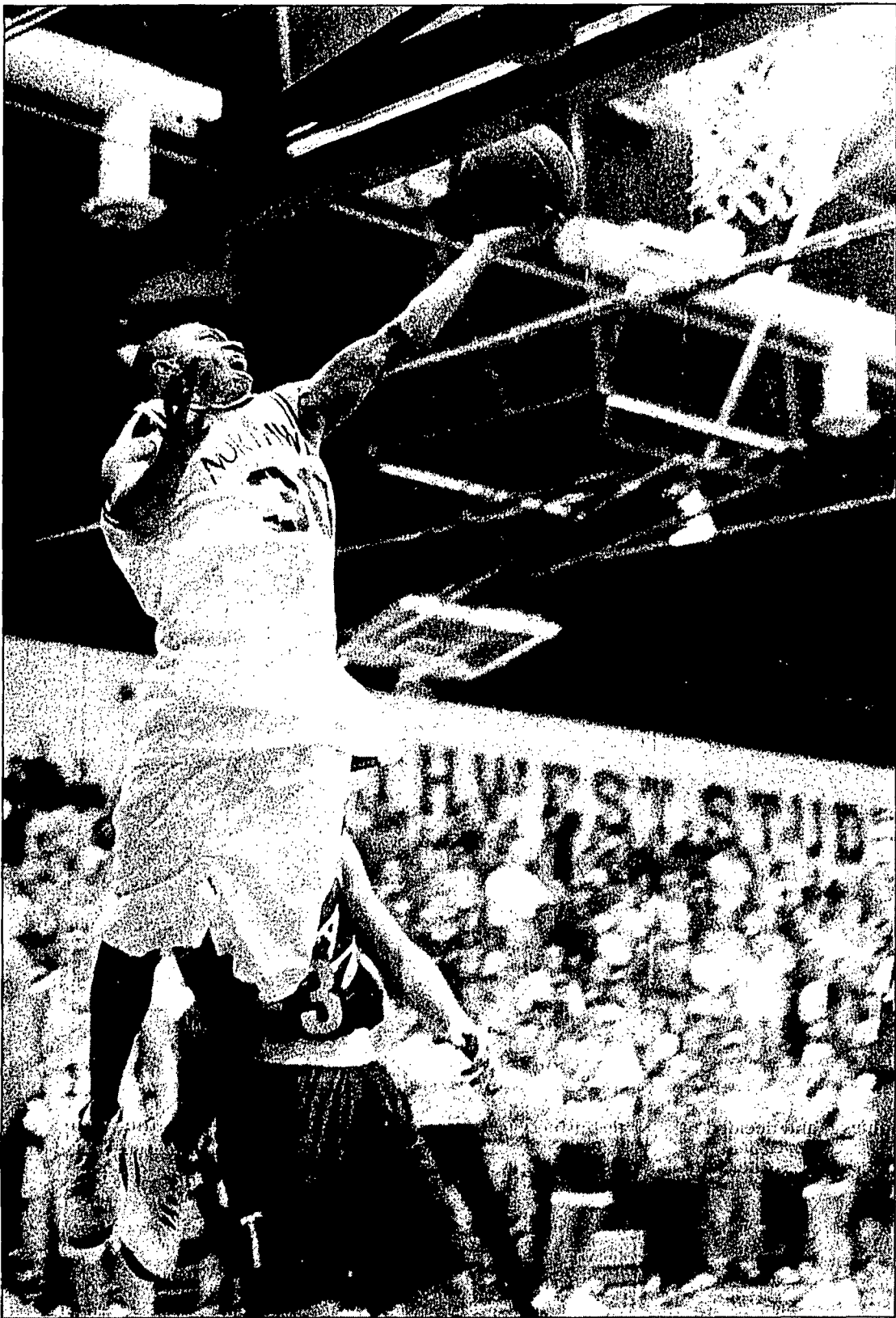


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Senior guard Kareem Preston jumps up to dunk the ball during the first round of the MIAA Tournament Tuesday night against the Truman State University Bulldogs. Preston notched 14 points, five rebounds and two blocked shots that were key throughout the game. Senior forward Tyrone Brown was the leading scorer for the 'Cats with 17 points. The 'Cats will face off against the Washburn University Ichabods at 7 p.m., Thursday in Topeka, Kan.

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

The third time was not the charm for Truman State University as the Northwest men's basketball team claimed a clean sweep Tuesday night to advance to the MIAA semifinals.

The next opposition for the No. 3-seeded Bearcats is against No. 2 seed Washburn University at 7 p.m. Thursday in Topeka, Kan.

The 'Cats, 21-6 overall, come into the contest as the hottest team in the MIAA with a six-game winning streak, which includes a 73-61 victory over Washburn Feb. 23.

"It's good to have a six-game win streak going down there, but we are treating every game day-by-day," senior guard Kareem Preston said. "We are going into practice like it is another game but we're definitely excited to be playing this late in the season."

Having the poise to go on the road and play in Washburn's atmosphere will be challenging for the 'Cats, but head coach Steve Tappmeyer said this is a different team than the one that lost to the Ichabods early in February.

"We're playing a lot better than we were the first time we played them, but we haven't changed that much on the team," Tappmeyer said. "Everybody has been real helpful toward each other in making this team stronger and that is why we are where we are right now."

Northwest played another exhilarating game against Truman State Tuesday night by pulling out a 72-61 victory over the Bulldogs.

Things looked as though they were going to be dominated by the 'Cats early when Northwest jumped out to a quick 20-3 lead within the first six minutes of the game.

The Bulldogs slowly chipped away at the lead and got within nine points with five minutes left in the first half before the 'Cats extended the margin again to 39-26 at half-time.

"We were playing together and making things happen throughout the game and for us to jump out to that first half lead was real important to avoid letting them come back," Preston said.

Bad luck struck the 'Cats before the first half ended when junior forward Floyd Farrow went down with a sprained ankle while committing a foul with three seconds left in the half. Farrow's injury is listed as day-to-day.

In the second half, Northwest picked up where it left off by going on a 7-0 run to build its lead, 46-26.

However, the Bulldogs kept their composure and worked on making another comeback with nine minutes left in the game when junior guard Mike Peterson hit a three-pointer to make the score 52-43.

Truman used Peterson's three as motivation in the next five minutes of the game to pull the game even closer, 59-56, with four minutes left in the game.

"The surroundings of the final minutes of this game were similar to the Washburn game because of the comeback; and we knew it was going to be an adventure to get the win," Tappmeyer said. "I just told the players they needed to settle down and bring this game home."

The 'Cats used the inspiration from Tappmeyer and the leadership of Preston to stop the route by the Bulldogs and control the tempo of the game.

"We came out relaxed in the second half, and I felt I had to step up when we let them back into the game because we needed someone to lift the team up," Preston said.

Senior forward Tyrone Brown was the leading scorer for the 'Cats with 17 points while Preston was second with 14 points and senior guard Phil Simpson was third with 12 points.

Women tracksters successful, men finish season with disappointment

By JUSTIN BUSH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest men's and women's track teams were two different squads with opposite outcomes during the MIAA Conference Championship meet at Central Missouri State University Friday and Saturday.

The women's team achieved its goal of finishing fourth, while the men's team earned a disappointing sixth-place finish.

"We were in second for a while on Friday," women's head coach Vicki Wooten said. "We were in third for most of the day on Saturday, right up until the final two events. So I was pretty excited about the team's performance."

The feeling was the opposite on the men's side as they finished sixth out of seven teams.

"It was probably the worst performance by a Northwest team at the conference meet in several years," men's head coach Richard Alsup said. "We have had some times this season where we didn't look too bad, but we looked pretty bad at this meet."

There were some individual athletes that did reach peak performances despite the overall outcome of the team.

Freshmen Chuck Abele and James Paschal put out top efforts in their events. Abele ran his way to a second-place finish in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.42 seconds.

Paschal heaved his way to a third-place finish in the weight throw with a toss of 49 feet, 10 inches. Sophomore Bryce Good took fifth place in both the 800 and mile runs. Freshman Joel Terry finished sixth in the 55-meter high hurdles. Sophomore T.J. Henning also finished sixth in the pole vault.

On the women's side, junior Jill Stanley and sophomore April House both earned top honors in their events. Stanley won the high jump, soaring over the bar set at 5 feet, 3 3/4 inches. House won the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 5 inches, finishing just in front of junior teammate Diana Huges, who finished second with a jump of 17 feet, 8 inches. Huges also finished third in the high hurdles. Sophomore Ronda Cheers scored with a second place finish in the 800 with a time of 2:19.67.

"The girls team will be off 'til Wednesday," Wooten said. "Then we are just going to have a regular week of practice and start preparing for the outdoor season which is set to open here at home on April 1 in the Bearcat Invitational."

Baseball campaign starts with 3 losses, coach optimistic

By MATT SEVART
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Twelve errors in four games compared to seven by its opponent can be correlated to the 1-3 finish by the Northwest baseball team last weekend when they played Rockhurst College and Minnesota State-Mankato.

"It was definitely preseason or opening day because we made a lot of silly mistakes that I didn't think we would make," head coach Darin Loe said. "At the same time though, we were playing against outstanding competition and we could easily be 3-1 against two of the top teams in our region if you take away a couple of mistakes in a couple games."

Loe said although the team made mistakes, he did see positive things throughout the weekend.

"I thought at times we swung the bat pretty well," Loe said. "We have quite a few of our guys that are hitting the ball pretty well. We did have pretty good pitching by a couple of our pitchers but not all the way through. Our pitching was pretty good but it can get better. It was a step in the right direction. Little by little I think we are getting better defensively, so there are some bright spots, just a few mistakes that are hurting us here and there."

After dropping two games to Minnesota State-Mankato and one to Rockhurst, the Bearcats came through and ended the weekend with a 9-8 win over Rockhurst.

"It is good to get these bad games out of our systems and get on with the season," sophomore first baseman Zac Ruff said. "But we did end on a good note and hopefully we can keep it up when we head to Southern Illinois this weekend."

The Bearcats will play in another three-team tournament Friday and Saturday at Southern Illinois and face Southern Illinois University and Missouri Baptist College.

Loe said he wants to see the team polish up minor mistakes before its trip to Southern Illinois on Friday.

"Right now we need to keep improving and clean up on some of the small mistakes," Loe said. "I tell the guys not to make the same mistake twice. This weekend we made about every mistake we possibly could, so I think we should be able to clean some of those things up. I think the longer we play together, the better those things will become. We have to go back to fundamentals and stay aggressive hitting-wise. Wins are going to be confidence for our players and that is what we need to do, play well and get some wins and get on a roll."

DARIN LOE
HEAD COACH

Coach reaches pinnacle of success

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

Saturday's 93-73 victory over Missouri Southern State College not only marked one of the biggest victories of the season for the Northwest men's basketball team, but a milestone for its head coach.

Coach Steve Tappmeyer earned his 200th victory in his 11th season as the Bearcats' leader.

"It has truly been a great ride having won all of these games at Northwest," Tappmeyer said. "Even though I have won 200, I plan on winning a lot more here at Northwest."

Having started his coaching career as an assistant at Northwest from 1981-85, Tappmeyer moved on to the head coaching duties at East Central Junior College in Washington, Mo. and com-

pleted a 61-35 record and two MIAA second-place finishes.

Tappmeyer also served as a graduate assistant coach at both Southeast Missouri State University and Drury College.

The thing that makes Tappmeyer stand out from others is his ability to be a positive leader for athletes on the basketball program, director of athletics Jim Redd said.

"I am very excited that coach Tappmeyer reached this accomplishment because he has had some very exciting teams over the years," Redd said. "He has the longest tenure of any coach at Northwest and has several 20

"Even though I have won 200, I plan on winning a lot more here at Northwest."

STEVE TAPPMAYER
MENS BASKETBALL COACH

win seasons that are the benchmark of his career."

Not only has this years team brought Tappmeyer his 200th career victory, but it also scored the most points in a game by Northwest in a 122-56 victory over Graceland College on Nov. 22. This is also Tappmeyer's third team to win 20 games in a season.

"This particular team has played very close and together and has become stronger, playing at a high level and has peaked at the right time," Tappmeyer said. "They are certainly one of my favorite teams, but it is hard to compare all the great teams that

have played here."

Throughout his 11 years at Northwest, Redd said Tappmeyer has become not only an important part of University athletics but to the community as well.

"Coach Tappmeyer is a very highly respected coach and is a coach that the basketball alumni are loyal to," Redd said. "The community recognizes his work ethic and appreciates his leadership for Bearcat basketball."

"I appreciate his ability to bring out the talents of his athletes and many have gone to be very successful in their chosen careers. Coach Tappmeyer has the ability to take a person and develop their talents on and off the court."

Tappmeyer played college basketball at Southwest Missouri State University and East Central Junior College.

TAPPMAYER'S RECORD			
Season	Win/ Loss	Percentage	
88-89	Northwest 21-9	.700	
89-90	Northwest 14-13	.519	
90-91	Northwest 12-15	.444	
91-92	Northwest 16-12	.571	
92-93	Northwest 14-13	.519	
93-94	Northwest 18-10	.643	
94-95	Northwest 13-14	.482	
95-96	Northwest 19-7	.731	
96-97	Northwest 11-16	.407	
97-98	Northwest 23-7	.767	
98-99	Northwest 19-10	.655	
99-00	Northwest 20-6	.769	
200-132		.660	

Fans at the Bearcats' showdown against the Missouri Southern State College Lions Saturday hold up signs congratulating men's head coach Steve Tappmeyer on his 200th win at Northwest. The Bearcats defeated the Lions, 93-73. Tappmeyer's team continued its winning streak with a win over the Truman State University Bulldogs Tuesday night and will take on Washburn University at 7 p.m. Thursday night in Topeka, Kan.

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Women end disappointing year

By JUSTIN MCALEER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Once the bleeding stopped for the Northwest women's basketball team after its loss to Missouri Southern State College Saturday, the 'Cats have begun to focus on next season.

Northwest dropped the season finale to Missouri Southern, 88-71, causing the 'Cats to finish the year 4-22 overall and 0-18 in the MIAA. It was their 19th straight loss, ending a frustrating season filled with injuries.

The losing streak started with the dawn of conference play, after crucial injuries struck the team at the end of December, head coach Gene Steinmeyer said.

"You hate to use that as an excuse, but you can't ignore it," Steinmeyer said. "It really had a disrupting affect. We lost two or three players we were really counting. It was really devastating."

Because of the abundance of injuries, many younger players had to step up and all players had to play more. At one point the team was down to eight players.

"Some didn't get breaks," Steinmeyer said. "Brandi (Grigsby-Shannon) and Amanda (Winter) played entire games. In the overtime loss to Rolla we had five girls play 40 minutes or more and two played 45."

Although senior guards Becky Wheeler and Liza Gulandi were able

to come back after their injuries and finish the season, junior forward Amy Coy, junior guard Marcy Ruckman and senior guard Terra Bukovec could not because of the severity of their injuries.

The experience the 'Cats gained because of the injuries will provide continuity and stabilization for next season, and Northwest will look to improve on its rough season, Steinmeyer said.

"We are excited for next year," Steinmeyer said. "We have a lot of young players who gained experience this year."

The 'Cats are hitting the recruiting circuit and are looking to add a mix of junior college transfers and incoming freshman.

Northwest Polar Bears qualify at Division II, two advance to Division I

Team ends season

By JOANNE BURKERT
DESIGN DIRECTOR

More swimmers than ever have dove into the Northwest Polar Bear swim team this season.

The team qualified 10 swimmers to the Division II Junior Olympics in Independence last weekend. Two of the swimmers will advance to Division I Missouri Valley All-Star Championship March 10-12 in Wichita, Kan.

Nick Zweifel, 13, and his sister, Jennifer, 10, will compete in a variety of events at the Division I competition.

This will be Nick's third year and Jennifer's first year to compete at the Division I level.

"It's interesting because they are both alike but so different at the same time," head coach, Chad Holmes said. "Jenny started swimming two years ago and has become a main impact on the team because she wanted to follow in her brother's footsteps."

Nick will be swimming the 50-yard freestyle while Jennifer will compete in the 50-yard breaststroke, 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke.

"Nick and Jennifer have always set good examples for kids by their determination and their parents' determination toward performing their best," assistant coach, Andrea Gieskan said. "They set really good examples for the other kids and enjoy swimming, but take it seriously



PHOTO BY MEGAN WILKINSON/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Siblings Jennifer, 10, and Nick Zweifel, 13, practice for an upcoming meet by using the kickboards at the Foster Aquatic Center Monday afternoon. They qualified for the Missouri Valley All-Star Championships on March 10-12. Jennifer will be competing in the 50 and 100-meter breaststroke, as well as the 50-meter freestyle and Nick will be competing in the 50-meter freestyle.

enough to be competitive."

Five swimmers, which is the most the team has ever qualified, advanced to the top eight finals in their events.

The swimmers that competed at Division II were Rachael Fink, 10, Brandon Fannon, 15, Joe Potter, 17, Jennifer and Nick.

Other swimmers who attended the meet were Steven Scheffe, 10; Karissa Euler, 12; Jessica Baker, 13; Michelle Fink, 14 and Megan Morin, 16.

"The kids have worked really hard," Gieskan said. "We have a lot of older aged kids who have worked

hard. I'm proud of them making Division II and Division I."

Scheffe is the newest member of the team, and has excited the coaches with his abilities.

"Scheffe started the team a month ago and the accomplishments he has achieved have been amazing," Holmes said.

This has been the most dedicated team since the beginning of the program in 1996, Holmes said.

"It has been a real honor to come in here every single day to see these kids improve and to see them drop times and accomplish the personal goals they had," he said.

Softball team preps for third tournament

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

It has only been March for a couple of days, but the Northwest softball team has already accomplished more than it did in its MIAA championship season last year.

The Bearcats have participated in two tournaments in which they have played seven more games than last year, going 4-3 in those contests.

Tournament action will not slow down for the 'Cats as they will compete in the Pittsburg State University Invitational beginning Friday.

"Our bracket is extremely tough in the Pittsburg Invitational like it has been in the other two tournaments," head coach Pam Knox said. "Abilene State is ranked in the top

25 nationally and Columbia College is a program we have not been successful against, but we are not going to let it ruin our spirit because we are excited to have the opportunity to play against these teams."

Sophomore pitcher Jessica Rupiper said the team is ready to go to the Pittsburg Invitational and prove it can play against the programs in the invitational.

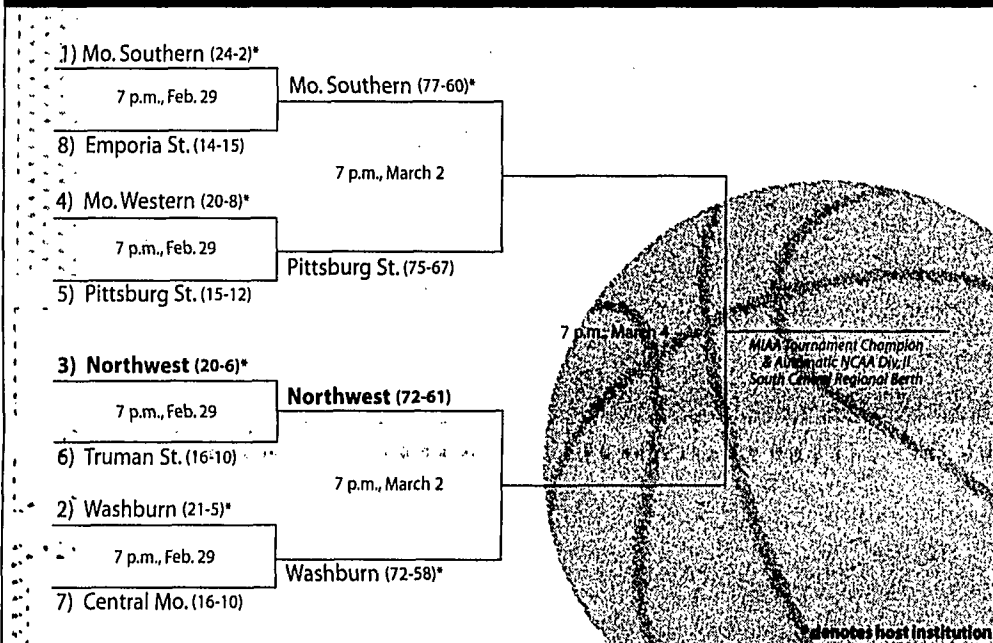
"We want to go out and give the teams we compete against everything we have because we feel we are getting stronger with each game we play," Rupiper said. "Having the ability to play in seven more games in February against such competitive teams has been positive for us going into a tournament like this one."

Northwest battled only two teams during the Central Arkansas University Spring Clash last weekend, losing a 4-3 decision to No. 13 Alabama-Huntsville University and grabbing a 13-7 victory over Northeastern State of Oklahoma before rain canceled the tournament.

The 'Cats may have been skeptical about Alabama-Huntsville considering it finished third in the nation last year, but Knox said that was not the case at all.

"In talking to my players I don't feel that we were nervous," Knox said. "We did lose our focus when we were up 3-1 and we had some costly mistakes that cost us the game, and it is not something you can let happen with a team that is nationally ranked like Alabama."

Men's MIAA Tournament Bracket



'Hounds boys' basketball season ends

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Maryville boys' basketball team was plagued all year with doubts of how it could not win important games, but the team quieted a lot of its critics by winning.

Even though the Spoofhounds could not keep that winning composure in the semifinals of District 16 play, losing a 74-68 overtime decision to Park Hill South High School last Thursday, there were achievements to be proud of.

"We accomplished a lot of the things we wanted to during the season, and we came a long way without having players who had varsity experience," junior forward Eric Goudge said. "It felt great to prove a lot of people wrong who said that we weren't going to have as good of a record as we did and do some of things we accomplished." Having finished with a 18-8 overall record and 5-2 in the Midland Empire

"We accomplished a lot of the things we wanted to during the season."

ERIC GOUDGE
'HOOUNDS JUNIOR FORWARD

Conference the 'Hounds could not stop Park Hill South from winning the game at the free throw line. The Panthers hit 23-of-28 from the line sealing the victory during overtime.

"Give them credit, because they made the free throws when they counted," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said.

The game marked a back-and-forth battle that had eight lead changes, including four times in the fourth quarter.

"They shot over 50 percent from the free throw line and had better breaks than we did at the more critical times of the game," Goudge said.

'Hounds senior guard Zane Schulte was the leading scorer for Maryville with 22 points. Junior postman Zach Morley was second on the team in scoring with 17 points while Goudge finished with 11 points.

"Coach (Kuwitzky) said he was real proud of us for the way we played throughout the season because even though we came up short in some games we never quit and that was the most important thing," Goudge said.

Even though there were some growing pains in the season, there are several returners seeking to make next year's team stronger.

"We got a lot of juniors coming back next year who will be more experienced and hungry to win more games next year," Goudge said. "I know that several of us will get together and participate in some summer leagues to help make our game stronger."

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Scott Fleming

Bearcat freshman guard
Instrumental in the 'Cats 93-73 victory over then No. 5 Missouri Southern last Sat. by leading the team with 18 points. Also a key in Tuesday's 72-61 win over Truman with 9 points.



Eric Goudge

Spoofhound junior forward
Paced the 'Hounds with 13 points in a 74-68 overtime loss to Park Hill South in semifinals of District 16 play. Leading Maryville scorer with 14 points in first round districts.

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

The goals for the 'Cats are still high because

going we are going to have a pretty good team," Rosewell said.



Sophomore Jane Clark and senior Julie Ervin practice Monday afternoon at the University tennis courts.

Included among the honorees in the South Central District was Northwest senior forward Tyrone Brown. Brown, the 'Cats leading scorer with 18 points and rebounder with four boards per


Date	Opponents	Time
March 3	University of Nebraska-Kearney	(M/W) 2:00 PM
March 4	Northeastern Oklahoma University	(W) 2:00 PM
March 5	Univ. of Southern Ill.-Edwardsville	(M/W) 7:00 PM
March 8	Baker University	(W) 1:00 PM
March 9	Baker University	(M) 2:00 PM
March 10	University of Missouri-St. Louis	(M) 2:00 PM
March 11	Drake University	(W) 1:00 PM
March 12	University of Missouri-Rolla	(M) 10:00 AM
March 14	Rockhurst	(M) 2:30 PM
March 15	Quincy College	(M/W) 1:00 PM
March 17	Truman State University	(M/W) 2:00 PM
March 18	Southwest Baptist University	(M/W) 2:00 PM
March 19	Central Oklahoma University	(M/W) 2:00 PM
March 20	Oral Roberts University	(M/W) 2:00 PM
March 21	Northeastern State Oklahoma Univ.	(M) 2:00 PM
March 21	Missouri Southern State College	(W) 2:00 PM
March 23	St. Louis University	(M/W) 2:00 PM
March 26	Indianapolis University	(M) 2:00 PM
March 28	Missouri Western State College	(W) 2:00 PM
March 29	Rockhurst	(W) 2:00 PM
March 31	Fort Hayes State College	(W) 2:00 PM
April 1	Drury College	(M/W) 2:00 PM
April 4	Washburn University	(W) 2:00 PM
April 5	William Jewell College	(M/W) 2:00 PM
April 7	Emporia State University	(M/W) 2:00 PM
April 8	Lincoln University	(W) 10:00 AM
April 11	Washburn University	(M) 2:00 PM
April 13	Central Oklahoma Tournament	(M/W) 2:00 PM
April 16	Graceland College	(M/W) 2:00 PM
April 20	MIAA Championships-at St. Joseph	(M/W) 11:00 AM

*** Home Games in Bold Type**

School	MIAA			OVERALL		
	Won	Lost	Pct.	Won	Lost	Pct.
1. Emporia St.	16	2	.889	23	3	.885
2. Central Mo.	14	4	.778	21	5	.808
3. Mo. Western	13	5	.722	19	7	.731
4. Truman St.	12	6	.667	17	8	.680
5. W. Baptist	11	7	.611	18	8	.692
6. Pittsburg St.	10	8	.556	17	9	.654
7. Washburn	6	12	.333	12	17	.414
8. Mo.-Rolla	5	13	.278	7	19	.269
9. Mo. Southern	3	15	.167	5	21	.192
10. Northwest	0	18	.000	4	22	.154

School	MIAA			OVERALL		
	Won	Lost	Pct.	Won	Lost	Pct.
1. Mo. Southern	16	2	.889	24	2	.923
2. Washburn	14	4	.778	21	5	.808
3. Northwest	12	6	.667	20	6	.769
4. Mo. Western	10	8	.556	20	8	.714
5. Pittsburg St.	9	9	.500	15	12	.556
6. Truman St.	9	9	.500	16	10	.615
7. Central Mo.	9	9	.500	16	10	.615
8. Emporia St.	7	11	.389	14	15	.483
9. SW Baptist	3	15	.167	8	17	.320
10. Mo.-Rolla	1	17	.056	6	19	.240

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Stroller becomes own person

I recently ran into a large chunk of change, so I decided it was high time I showed my individuality by making an expression that was sure to be noticed.

I know I could have spent the money on a guitar, drums, or some sort of hobby that would make my life richer, but instead I headed for the nearest large city and a place called Express Yourself. Despite my parents' concern for my physical health, I figured nothing today says "I'm my own person" like a body piercing.

As I looked through a catalog, I realized there are many parts of my body I could jam a piece of metal into. Of course there are the ears, but that was only a statement in the '80s. I was going to do the nose, but then there was a good chance I would hurt myself when I had to pick. The pierced eyebrow look is all over the place, and every time I thought about going below my belt, I would start shaking like a freshman during Greek rush. I finally decided to ram a metal stud through my nipple, because that would be the best place to show off my hairy chest and newfound coolness.



THE STROLLER

They removed my shirt and had me lie down on a metal table. A man named Scar, who had a ring in his lip, gently stabbed my little temperature gauge with a foot long needle and a lot of love. It lasted about 10 seconds total, but I had a feeling my new statement would sting within me forever.

After I wiped the tears from my eyes, it hit me that I am way different from everyone else. That was not enough. My soul needed to say that I am less concerned for my body than the next person. So, the next logical step was to get a tattoo.

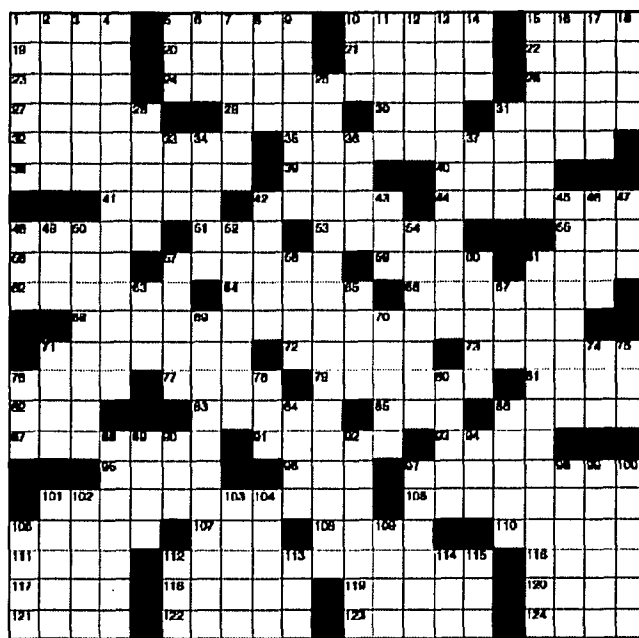
Once again, good old Scar had a nice catalog of designs to imprint into my skin. I have as much muscle as the old lady in the union, so a design around my bicep would be useless. The most important part of having a tattoo is the ability to show it off. Since I love my University so much, I decided to get two tattoos, the first one being Bobby Bearcat on my rear end.

I did not realize implanting ink permanently into my skin would take much longer. There is something humiliating about having your pants around your ankles while another person creates art. After Scar was done, I knew if I did not get the second one right away, then I would chicken out. I thought it would be best to make a permanent decision in the biggest hurry possible.

You know those footprints that are in my article every week? Well, I got those tattooed on my forehead. If you see me walking around, because I cannot sit for a few days, be sure and tell me how cool I am.

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1. Map man
5. Patrons
10. Investing giant, Goldman
15. Old horses
19. Roman love god
20. Myopic Mister
21. Take ____ (peek)
22. Stare
23. Pamplona peril
24. Bermuda was one
26. Something to climb
27. Calendar listing
29. Ignorance ____ excuse
30. Minuscule
31. Time-out
32. CDC concerns
35. Literary sleuth
38. Is on the right track, guessing-wise

39. Sock section
40. ____ given
41. Aware of
42. Grant portrayer
44. Fred Flintstone's boss
48. Soft and fluffy
51. "Yes, general?"
53. An antiwar
55. See 47 Down
56. It's east of the Caucasus
57. Bentley refill
59. Maude, e.g.
61. Anagram of 15 Across
62. Paul Laurence ____ black poet (1872-1906) honored on a 10-cent stamp
64. Dance for a Rio Rita
66. Produced, as a sound
68. Bart Simpson's reply to what this puzzle is about
71. King who was called "the Fat"
72. Missouri's ____ Mountains

73. Drink for a spell?
76. Ex-speaker's name
77. Dispatched
79. Pole vault items?
81. Sufficient, in the comics
82. Wine concern
83. The ranch in Giant
85. Old French coin
86. Orlando pros
87. Dozes
91. Actress Esther
93. Boxer Max
95. Orange skin
96. Vitamin bottle abbr.
97. Burial chamber
101. Lathe artisans
105. See 67 Down
106. Steers clear of
107. Heartache
108. Ogden Nash's foot
110. Italian cathedral city
111. Ding-a-____
112. Relaxing
116. Robin in

11. Start of the "Give Peace a Chance" chorus
12. Dove, often
13. Returner's remark
14. Firmament
15. Imaginary
16. Concur
17. Gather
18. Go hunting for
25. Edwin of space
28. Dull yellowish brown
31. Smooch
33. Took a timeout
34. Irregular, as leaf edges
36. Wolf's gaze
37. Moon phase: abbr.
42. Lineup
43. Ray Bradbury's ____ for Rocket
45. Adding on
46. Horny creature?
47. With 55 Across, a rich drink
48. Pop
49. Buckeyes' campus, briefly
50. Purified grain, in

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1. OK for all ages
2. Prestige release from Hollywood
3. The weary may get it
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9. Shakespeare works
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A Closer Look at SUICIDE



The last thing most people think about is that they will run out of reasons to live. But people who think about suicide are not alone. By some estimates, as many as one-in-six people will become seriously suicidal at some point in their lives.

This article is the first of a two-part series

Suicide was the eighth-leading cause of death in 1997, with approximately 31,000 people taking their lives.

Elizabeth Wood, director of the counseling center at Northwest said there are differences between depression and those who have suicidal thoughts. She said not all people with depression think about suicide.

"I think that the distinguishing critical factor is those that think about suicide have an intense feelings of helplessness or hopelessness associated with the depression so they become convinced that things are never going to get any better," Wood said.

There are several categories of suicidal people. Some people have tried or attempted it because they have tried to get help and believe nobody is listening or taking them seriously, Wood said.

"They make an attempt in order to drive the point home they really do need some assistance," she said. "And again helplessness comes in because they have tried everything else and nobody is paying attention."

Wood said there are some people who are confused and have limited resources, so they may make a number of suicidal gestures or talk about it a lot.

"There are those people that feel so helpless and in despair they don't see another way out," Wood said. "And so they will make some kind of attempt or actually succeed."

According to HeliosHealth.com more than four times as many men than women die by suicide. However, women report attempting suicide about twice as often as men.

"Women are more apt to attempt suicide," Wood said. "Men are more apt to succeed and part of that has to do with the methodology in that women tend to cut or overdose which is slower acting. They tend to usually talk about it more than men do. Men are more apt to use more dramatic weapons — knives, guns and more lethal methods."

Warning Signs

There is no typical suicide victim. It happens to young and old; rich and poor. There are common warning signs which can save someone's life.

One warning sign is people talk about feeling depressed, sad or helpless.

"If someone is moving into the more serious contemplation of suicide they may have been depressed for a long period of time and then begin to perk right up," Wood said. "They think 'I got control of things in my life and it is all in order.' That is really difficult at times because some people do come out of the depression and do have a lot more energy. But that is also a very critical factor for someone who actually might be suicidal. When someone is very very depressed they don't have the energy to try to kill themselves. When they begin to feel better they have more energy and that is why it becomes critical at that point."

At times someone who is really considering suicide will start giving away things. For example, they may take their favorite CDs to their friends and say 'I really want you to have these.' They may make contact with people they have not seen or talked to in a long time. Although they will not necessarily say that they are contemplating suicide, it actually serves as a goodbye to that person.

"Not everybody leaves a note," Wood said. "Some people do, some people don't. That is not a way to know one way or the other. Part of the difficulty, and I believe this is more true with men than women, is that some people don't give any clue. They don't leave any trace. If they are really intent on killing themselves, they may not let anybody know because they don't want to be stopped."

Stress and pressures

For college students there seems to be a higher level of stress. Wood said data supports that people are under more stress today than ever before.

"A lot of it, I think, has to do with pressures to be successful — to get a high GPA, to be well-liked on campus, be involved in leadership opportunities," Wood said. "People really have high expectations of themselves and when they don't succeed it is devastating."

There is a survey done every year on incoming freshman throughout the country and the results for the current freshman class indicate that feeling overwhelmed by stress is more common than it has ever been. In fact, North-

west scored 6 percent higher than the national average, Wood said.

Besides depression and the feeling of helplessness, adverse life events may cause someone to consider suicide.

Events such as a death, divorce, a relationship breakup, or the loss of a job can trigger some people to have thoughts of committing suicide.

"Unfortunately, there are a number of people who determine the breakup of a relationship as being like 'that's it, my whole life is dependent on this other individual and without this person I can't go on' so then they'll contemplate suicide," Wood said.

Another cause is the loss of several close acquaintances in a short period of time. It is not unusual to feel suicidal during the grieving process. The anniversary of a loss is a particularly risky time, Wood said.

"If you think for your own experience, the number of losses that we have encountered on this campus or that in a person's own life time has experienced, and with all the violence that is happening in society, there are more and more anniversary dates for people," Wood said.

Grieving

Individuals all grieve differently. Wood's advice to an individual who has lost someone to suicide is talking with someone.

"Very often, almost without exception, someone who is close feels guilt," Wood said. "They should have seen the signs. They should have been able to do something. They shouldn't have turned their back on the person. They should have known and called the person or they shouldn't have had the fight with the individual."

Wood said this is often something which needs to be worked through with a professional. In part because it is a fine line to walk between assuring somebody they are not responsible and helping them deal with the feeling that they are.

"I think friends are absolutely critical in terms of support at a time like that," Wood said. "But they're likely to just say 'it's not your fault, it's not your fault.' Whereas a professional is more apt to not say that it is their fault but acknowledge those feelings and help a person work through them."

For Northwest student Heidi Floresch it seemed as if the three days after a high school friend committed suicide ran together.

"We were 16 at the time and didn't know how to handle it," Floresch said. "People were literally freaking out about it."

After about four years, Floresch said that friends finally began to share things they were not able to in the past.

"People talked about dreams that they had during that week that they never wanted to talk about before," Floresch said.

There is also a reaction to deal with when a friend attempts suicide but was not successful with it.

"Taking time to grieve, even if the person did not succeed in killing themselves. There is still the tremendous alteration in number one the relationship and number two your perception of life," Wood said. "That is really hard to deal with. You're at a point in your life where you are making all kinds of adjustments."

Survivors of suicide

There are an estimated 4.5 million Americans survivors of suicide. HeliosHealth.com suggests survivors remember to take one moment or one day at a time and know you can survive. You might not think so, but you can.

"My wish is that they would be able to hold their heads up high and say, 'yes, this happened to me and I don't feel that way anymore,'" Wood said. "I learned a lot from the experience. I am more sensitive to life and people around me. Things were just absolutely overwhelming at that time and I didn't feel I could deal with it, but I have learned things from it and I feel I can deal with it."

Wood said she hopes people can work through the shame that is associated with that and it should be a part of recovery therapy.

For individuals who are feeling depressed or having thoughts of suicide or knows someone who is, do not keep it from people. There are people that can help.

Beware of the Warning Signs

There is no typical suicide victim. It happens to young and old, rich and poor. Fortunately, there are some common warning signs which, when acted upon, can save lives.

A person might be suicidal if he or she:

- Talks about committing suicide
- Has trouble eating or sleeping
- Experiences drastic changes in behavior
- Withdraws from friends and/or social activities
- Loses interest in hobbies, work, school, etc.
- Prepares for death by making out a will and final arrangements
- Gives away prized possessions
- Has attempted suicide before
- Takes unnecessary risks
- Has had recent severe losses
- Is preoccupied with death and dying
- Loses interest in their personal appearance
- Increases their use of alcohol or drugs

How to Help Someone

Here are some ways to be helpful to someone who is threatening suicide:

- Be direct. Talk openly and matter-of-factly about suicide.
- Be willing to listen. Allow expressions of feelings. Accept the feelings.
- Be non-judgmental. Don't debate whether suicide is right or wrong, or feelings are good or bad. Don't lecture on the value of life.
- Get involved. Become available. Show interest and support.
- Don't dare him or her to do it.
- Don't act shocked. This will put distance between you.
- Don't be sworn to secrecy. Seek support.
- Offer hope that alternatives are available but do not offer glib reassurance.
- Take action. Remove means, such as guns or stock-piled pills.
- Get help from persons or agencies specializing in crisis intervention and suicide prevention.

Who Can Help

If you experience these feelings, get help! If someone you know exhibits these symptoms, offer help!

Contact

- A community mental health agency
- A private therapist or counselor
- A school counselor or psychologist
- A family physician
- A suicide prevention or crisis center
- Suicide Hotline: 1-800-373-4141

Northwest and Maryville provide primary sources of assistance:

- HeliosHealth.com
- Student Health Services
- Counseling Center

Other resources include:

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Senior business management major Sarah Coah gets helpful tips about her résumé from placement clerk Lori Chalmers Tuesday afternoon at the Career Services office. Career Services said the only way to get noticed is to make sure your résumé stands out from the crowd. Career Services offers résumé assistance and other job-seeking tips free of charge to students.

Résumés need to stand out, make lasting impression

By JOSH FLAHARTY
MANAGING EDITOR

A person's résumé is often the first impression employers get of prospective employees.

Employers are flooded with résumés for job openings and the only way to get noticed is to make sure your résumé stands out from the crowd.

Northwest's Career Services Department recommends one page résumés. However, a thorough résumé is equally important, said Joan Ensminger, director of Career Services.

"We don't want you to leave anything out," she said. "So if that means two pages, make it two pages."

Content: Career Services recommends listing a career objective, educational background, work experience, volunteerism, extra-curricular activities and computer skills on a résumé.

A good résumé begins with a header including the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the applicant. It may also include the address of any

personal Web pages which contain related work.

Education information includes all school, seminar, self-study, on-the-job training and apprenticeships. These should be listed in chronological order beginning with the most recent.

All full-time, part-time, casual, volunteer and charitable work should be included on your résumé, starting with the most recent employer.

Career Services suggests using action verbs and quantifying whenever possible.

A résumé should be printed on high quality paper, usually on white or off-white in color. Graphics and colors are more acceptable for creative career fields such as art, advertising and public relations. However, the résumé should still maintain a professional appearance.

Bold face, capitalized and underlined type can be used to make headings and vital information stand out. It is important to proof read the final draft of a résumé several times as well as having other people read it through.

Career Day offers opportunity for all job-seeking students

By JOSH FLAHARTY
MANAGING EDITOR

More than 80 companies are signed up to attend the spring 2000 Career Day from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday in Bearcat Arena.

Joan Ensminger, director of Career Services, said Northwest has been conducting career fairs since before she took over five years ago.

She said Career Day offers several benefits for the employers and students as well as Northwest's faculty.

"Obviously the employing benefit by having the opportunity to market their companies to Northwest students," she said.

Ensminger said a brunch is held for employers and faculty members to discuss current market trends and competencies they are looking for in employees.

Students benefit from the experience, she said. They gain an

opportunity to network and make contacts in their career field. It also opens the door to opportunities for summer internships and full-time employment.

She said students should not ignore any employment opportunities.

"Mr. Goodcents was here one year, and no one stopped by their booth because they thought they were just looking for someone to teach people how to make burgers," she said.

"But they were looking for computer science majors to work in their headquarters. So don't judge a book by its cover."

All students are invited to attend Career Day and should dress professionally and bring several copies of their résumé for distribution to companies they are interested in.

CAREER DAY

Tuesday, March 7
11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bearcat Arena

Companies offering on-campus interviews

Five businesses will be at Northwest next week for on-campus interviews.

Mutual of Omaha is interviewing for information systems interns on Tuesday. The position is open to computer management systems, computer science and office information systems majors. Students should sign up through the career services Web page by March 6.

Tractor Supply Company is interviewing for a management trainee Wednesday. The position is open to agriculture, business management and marketing majors.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car is interviewing for a sales management trainee which is open to all majors.

Cerner Corporation is interviewing for an application developer, a systems installation consulting and a health network architecture analyst on Wednesday.

The positions are open to students with experience in computer science, management information systems, computer information systems, or business administration with emphasis in information technology. Related fields include math, physics, statistics and health administration. People may sign up at the Cerner booth at Career Day on March 7.

Also Sprint-LTD is interviewing for a software engineer I & II on Wednesday. The position is opened to computer science, management information systems and computer information systems majors.

Students should sign up through Web registration at <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/careerserv/> or in the Career Services office, Room 131 in the Administration Building. For more information, contact Career Services at 562-1250.

Job Fair Essentials

- Résumé
- Cover letter
- Transcript
- Professional portfolio
- Reference letters
- Knowledge of company
- Ask appropriate questions
- Follow up with the company after the job fair

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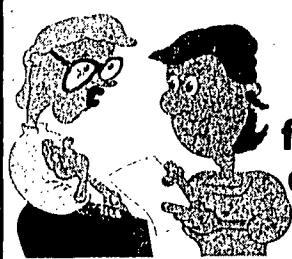
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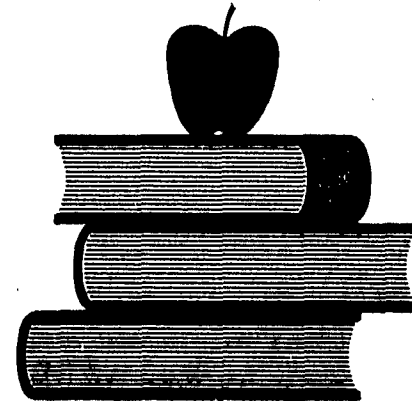


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- Wool suit
- Solid color blouse
- Skin tone hose
- Leather pumps
- Jacket (18-20 inches), closed
- Feet and toe
- Rule of 1/3 accessories
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- No jewelry, no nail polish

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INTERNSHIP Sprint Accounts Payable, Overland Park, KS Summer 1997
Assisted staff accountant; prepared adjusting journal entries; reconciled accounts payable statements; opened an intricate computer system; entered purchase orders.

WORK EXPERIENCE Graduate Assistant August 1996 - Present
Northwest Missouri State University Office of Career Services, Maryville, MO
Coordinate Career Day and Teach the Teacher Program; design the monthly Career Services newsletter; present workshops on career related topics; work with students on career exploration; analyze and organize statistical data.

Secretary/Bookkeeper August 1995 - August 1996
Northwest Missouri State University Purchasing Department, Maryville, MO
Involved in purchasing; maintained accounts receivable, accounts payable, and inventory control; developed an accounts receivable payment tracking program; controlled a complex filing system.

Shift Manager October 1992 - January 1997
Kentucky Fried Chicken, Sioux City, IA
Assisted with store operations and customer service; supervised 20-25 employees; arranged work schedules; conducted employee interviews and training programs; prepared payroll; managed other KFC stores while managers were on vacation.

Supplemental Instructor August 1996 - December 1996
Northwest Missouri State University Talent and Development Center, Maryville, MO
Taught a supplemental Calculus I class, three nights a week; prepared class lectures and activities for approximately 14 students.

VOLUNTEER WORK EXPERIENCE Tutored college students in lower level accounting classes. 1996 - 1998
Devoted substantial time as a Volunteer Income Tax Assistant. 1997
Organized programs for Headstart children, Maryville, MO. Fall 1995
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Rain or Shine



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Megan Tady
CHIEF REPORTER

Missouri residents are all too familiar with the weather's antics — sudden downpours in the middle of a sunny day, chilling gusts of wind and temperatures that do not seem right.

"Crazy weather is normal in Missouri," Brother Damion Larson, of Conception Abbey, said. Larson collects weather data for the government. "If it happens in Missouri, it is normal."

Maybe not this year, however. Many residents are starting to believe the variations of temperatures and lack of moisture are more extreme than normal.

"It is probably a little more unusual than normal, I would say," said Ora Smith, a resident outside Maryville for 85 years.

One observation residents are making is that this year's winter is not the same as past years.

"It is a lot different than it used to be," one Maryville resident said. "We used to have a definite winter. But now it is like Spring in the middle of winter."

These changes have left people looking for answers.

"I have wondered that myself," Hannah said. "I just don't have any idea. We just don't have near the winters we used to, with the cold and snow. It is just so different."

Larson, however, thinks he knows what is causing the changes.

"It is the result of La Niña," he said. "The Western Pacific is cooling down and sending our jet streams off its normal course."

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, La Niña is defined as cooler than normal sea-surface temperatures

in the central and eastern tropical Pacific ocean that impact global weather patterns.

Larson attributes La Niña not only for the warm winter, but the lack of moisture as well.

"Last year from the first of July to the spring, we had 20 inches of moisture," he said. "This year we have only had 11 inches."

While there is some speculation that global warming is causing the warm weather, Larson does not look at it as a threat.

"I don't see evidence that the earth is warming up," he said. "The overall temperature average has been cooler than the last 20 years. Yes, there are glaciers melting, but there are also glaciers growing."

Larson is not worried about this year's weather conditions having negative effects on the environment either.

"This winter won't hurt us too much," he said. "It is hard on the farmers because the water levels went down. But there should be no harm to vegetation."

In the coming months, Larson thinks there will be an increase in precipitation and vegetation.

Despite Larson's explanations and predictions some residents still blame the shifty weather on the location itself.

"That is just the Midwest for you," Smith said.

Missouri, nation endures unusual weather

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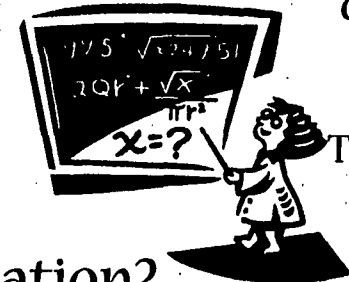
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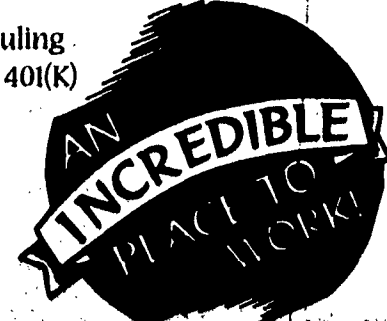
Sign up at the Career Fair at the Bearcat Arena on March 7 from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. for interviews that will be conducted the following day, March 8 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Conference Center.

If you are unable to attend the Career Fair or interview session, resumes may be faxed to: 615-366-4840.

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